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## **REMARKS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 21 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 6, 7, 10-20 are pending.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$120 for a one-month extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0835, along with any additional fees or extensions of time.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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